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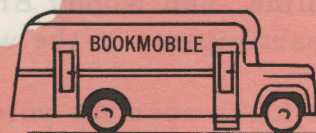
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INTERN MEETING

The new Capstone House on the University of South Carolina campus was the setting on August 6 for the State Library Board's annual meeting of the interns and their supervising librarians. In attendance were twenty interns representing twelve of the state's public libraries and one institutional library. The meeting gave the interns and the librarians an opportunity to discuss the summer program and make suggestions for its improvement.

The morning session included a presentation of the recruiting film, "Challenge of Change," by John Landrum, Reference Librarian, State Library Board. Following the film, SLB Director, Estellene P. Walker gave the group a few words of inspiration.

During the morning the interns and supervising librarians met separately to discuss their experiences and to make any comments, suggestions, and criticisms about the Intern Program.

After the luncheon, which was held in the revolving restaurant on top of the Capstone, the group toured the South Caroliniana Library and the Archives.

The Intern Program, co-sponsored by the State Library Board and local libraries, has a twofold purpose - to enable interns to explore the possibility of a library career under actual working conditions and to provide a testing ground for applicants for the Scholarship Program. The internship is one means of meeting the three months experience requirement for the State Library Board's graduate scholarship in library science.

TRUSTEE WORKSHOP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Conference leaders for the November workshop of the SCLA Trustee Section have been announced. The director of the workshop is to be Dr. Lawrence A. Allen, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Library Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Joseph W. Lippincott, Jr., president of the J. B. Lippincott Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a trustee of the Ludington Public Library of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, will be the trustee consultant. The Honorable John C. West, Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, and Woody Brooks, Governor's Coordinator for Local Government, will also be participants in the workshop.

The program will focus upon the role of the public library today, the role and responsibilities of library trustees, and the place of the trustee in South Carolina local government and the political process. Frank P. Nolen of Florence, Chairman of the Trustee Section, will preside over the one-day meeting to be held on November 13 at the Wade Hampton Hotel.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Betty Anne Chapman, a 1968 intern at the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library, has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina School of Library Science. Miss Chapman is a graduate of Lander College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Chapman of Greenwood. She is being sponsored by the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library to which she will return following graduation.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF TAX EXEMPTION ON BOOKS

The following memo dated August 19, 1968, has been received by the State Library Board from James A. Walton, Director, Sales and Use Tax Division:

TO: All legally established, public supported State, County and/or Regional libraries open to the public without charge.

The rule set forth hereinafter below is explanatory and went into effect July 1, 1968.

Included in Part III, Permanent Provisions of the 1968 General Appropriation Bill is an amendment to Section 65-1404 of the 1962 South Carolina Code of Laws, As Amended. The amendment reads that there is exempted from the measure of the tax levied, assessed or payable, "The gross proceeds of the sale of all books sold to legally established, public supported State, County and/or Regional libraries which are open to the public without charge.

The term "books" is construed to include filmstrips of a type in general use by elementary schools, high schools, and institutions of higher learning.

Subject to the tax when purchased by libraries are all other properties such as furniture, fixtures, typewriters, projectors, turntables, globes, stationery, index cards, files, shelving, and visual aids.



SUMTER COUNTY LIBRARY

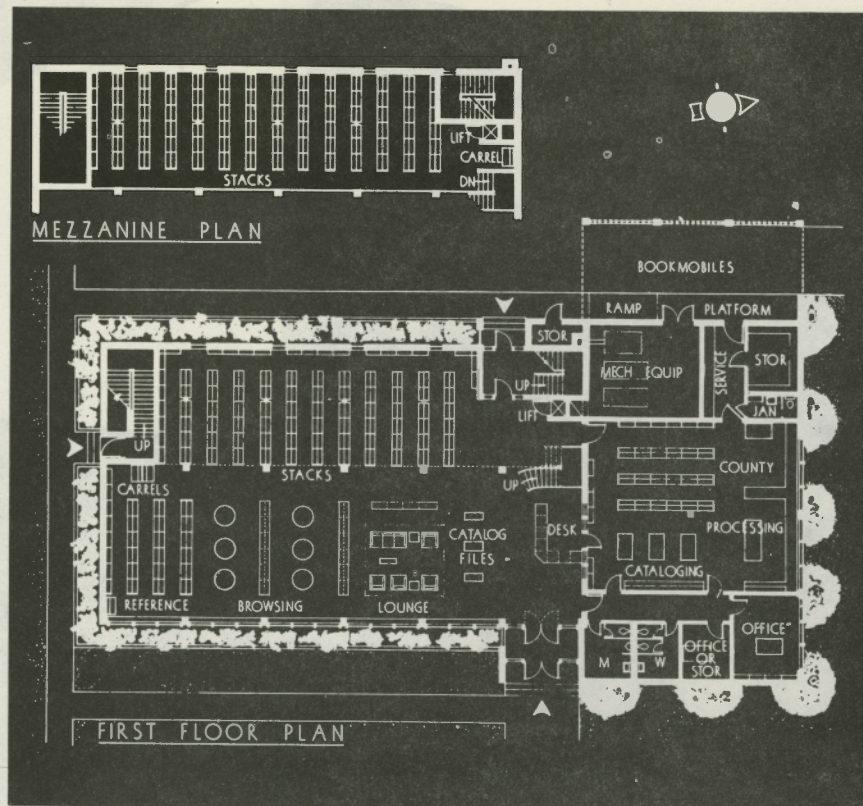
A New Look For a South Carolina Library

The face of the South Carolina public library system is rapidly taking on a new look as library constructions throughout the State are being brought to completion.

This expansive construction program now in progress is being supervised by the South Carolina State Library Board. Funds from local sources — greatly boosted by federal grants — are being used to build or renovate main and branch libraries in ten counties. This month's story features the new Sumter County Library, the first public library building to receive a construction grant and the first to be completed.

The new Sumter County Library, begun January, 1967 and completed in February, 1968, has become a source of pride for all Sumter County residents, especially Chapman J. Milling, Jr., librarian. "Needless to say, we are enjoying our fine, beautiful building, as is the public. Library use has increased forty percent since the new building has opened," he commented.

Modern and functional is perhaps the most apt description for the new building located in Sumter's new Civic Center. Constructed of off-white brick with bronze panels and trimming, the building has a striking contemporary design. And the design is further enhanced to the viewer and the user due to restrained ornamentation and the skillful use of large windows along the facade.



SUMTER COUNTY LIBRARY

The interior of the building contains 16,000 square feet of floor space and its three levels can hold more than 100,000 books. The interior decoration utilizes wood paneling, vinyl wall covering, and carpeting for an attractive, yet practical, appearance. The walnut furniture includes comfortable chairs which invite library users to linger for awhile. Total air-conditioning also adds to the comfort of the library staff and users.

Other features which add to the convenience of the new Sumter Library (see floor plan) include an adult services area with mezzanine, a large children's department, a processing and county extension room, a spacious office area, and a bookmobile porte-cochere.

In addition, the library staff is provided with numerous aids: complete audio-visual equipment, a book lift, and a building-wide telephone intercom system. And for the use of the library, as well as community organizations, the building contains an eighty-seat meeting room.

Designed by James and Durant, architectural firm of Sumter, the Sumter County Library was constructed at a cost of \$319,000 with \$26,250 of that amount allotted to furnishings. Of the total construction costs, \$100,000 came from a federal grant, made possible under the Library Services and Construction Act; \$86,000 was furnished from the local building fund; and the remainder, including the building site in the Civic Center, was supplied by Sumter County. The firm of Boozer and Wharton of Sumter was the contractor.

"The building functions well as a library due to the area arrangement," Mr. Milling added. "The processing and office areas are easily accessible to one another and to the adult services area. We feel that the building combines the best in beauty, ease of maintenance, and serviceability."

ON THE CONSTRUCTION FRONT

Two branch libraries partially financed by LSCA funds have been completed.

Oconee County

The Seneca branch of the Oconee County Library was opened to the public late in July. Construction costs totalled \$99,500, of which \$50,000 was an LSCA grant and \$13,860, a grant through the Appalachian Commission.

The library is located at the site of the future civic center. A group of local citizens have contributed \$10,000 to the City Council for the construction of a memorial fountain at the site.

Charleston County

The John Dart branch of the Charleston County Library located on upper King Street replaces the Dart Hall branch which, in addition to being a victim of age, was a victim of highway expansion. The building was accepted by the county on August 15 but will not be open to the public until all equipment is delivered. The 6,500 square foot building cost \$171,800 of which \$50,000 was an LSCA grant through the State Library Board.

Pickens County

The contract for the renovation of and addition to the Pickens County Library was signed on July 31. During construction the library will operate from the classrooms of the First United Methodist Church which is strategically located across the street from the library. Volunteers, Neighborhood Youth Corps workers and prison labor assisted in the move. The project will cost \$156,200. Pickens received \$30,000 as a grant from the Appalachian Commission and \$75,000 in LSCA construction funds.

Abbeville County

On August 8 the contract was awarded for the renovation of the old post office in Abbeville to serve as county headquarters for the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library. The State Library Board made a \$38,823 LSCA grant for this project.

Anderson County

Hoyt R. Galvin, librarian of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Library has been retained by the Anderson County Library Board as consultant for the new county library building. Mr. Galvin is head of Hoyt R. Galvin, Public Library Consultants and joint-author with Martin Van Buren of the Small Public Library Building (Unesco, 1959). The firm of Fant and Fant of Anderson is the architect. The site of the former Girls High School was purchased for \$100,000. It is centrally located, large enough for present needs and future expansion and provides for parking space.

Horry County

Dr. Carl E. Compton, Chairman of the Chapin Memorial Library Commission, has received the consent of the Myrtle Beach City Council to a campaign to raise \$12,000 to help pay for an addition to the library. He also asked the city for \$12,000 in addition to

the \$5,000 already budgeted for the addition. The Chapin Foundation contributed \$5,000 another source \$2,500, the county appropriated \$10,000 for the project, making a total of \$22,500.

The low bid for the renovation was \$41,752.

Florence County

Mrs. Clyde B. Rowntree, Trustee from her district on the Florence County Library Board, is chairman of a drive to raise funds to equip and furnish a building to house the Johnsonville branch of the county library.

John G. Wellman, Vice-President of Wellman Industries donated a building which will be moved to a site purchased with funds raised by local donation. Peter Knoller, Assistant Comptroller, Wellman Industries and chairman of the local library board, arranged for the purchase of the site and raised most of the money for this purpose.

Mrs. Rowntree's goal is \$2,000, half of which was obtained in less than two months.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Mary J. Mejeur, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and a graduate of Western Michigan University with an M. S. in Library Science, joins the Sumter County Library staff on September 1. Mrs. Mejeur succeeds Sarah A. Taylor who resigned to become Assistant Librarian-Cataloger at the Newberry College Library.

Linda DeHay was married to James Bodiford on July 27. Mrs. Bodiford is on the staff of the Berkeley County Library.

The Laurens County Library has received \$625 as memorials to Mrs. Janie Bland Roper and to Dr. G. W. Cunningham, long time library trustee. Outstanding books of lasting value will be purchased with these funds.

Frances Lee began work as extension librarian and assistant librarian of the Chester County Library on August 19. Miss Lee worked for several years in the Chester Library between graduation from high school and enrollment at Winthrop College where she majored in library science. For the past two years she has worked with underprivileged non-library users as a member of the staff of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Library.

Pamela Brown of the staff of the headquarters library of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library became Mrs. Randy Albert Gantt at a ceremony in Greenwood on August 16.

Dr. Carl E. Compton, chairman of the Chapin Memorial Library Commission, Myrtle Beach, was one of the guest speakers at the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, August 19-22. Dr. Compton is the author of the Adult Sunday School lessons for January, February, and March, 1970.

Mrs. George S. King (Anna Davis) became acting librarian of the Richland County Public Library August 1. Mrs. King will serve until a successor to the late Mrs. Hagood Bostick is appointed.

Ellen Gregg has succeeded Beverly Kearse as head of circulation at the Florence County Library. Miss Gregg is an August graduate of the University of South Carolina.

SMOKEY RIDES AGAIN

The Special Services Branch of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries won the national Smokey the Bear award this year. This award is sponsored by: The National Advertising Council, Inc.; The National Association of State Foresters and the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service. Smokey was used on the Summer Reading program for blind children during 1966-67, and for excellence in teaching fire prevention and wildlife conservation, the award was presented to Mrs. Marion Patmon, Associate Director on June 14, 1968.

The Smokey Bear Reading Club was the brainchild of the South Carolina State Library Board. It was initiated on a state-wide basis in the summer of 1955 and was one of the most successful vacation reading clubs ever conducted in South Carolina.

Planned by the S. C. State Library Board in cooperation with the S. C. State Forestry Commission the objective was to emphasize conservation among the children and youth of the entire state.

Frances B. Reid, librarian of the Spartanburg County Library, formerly Field Service Librarian of the State Library Board, directed the club.

CHARLESTON PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES

In a report to R. L. Black, Charleston County Manager, H. H. Hearn, Director of Planning for Charleston County Council, recommends additional branch libraries to alleviate overcrowding of existing branches and to make library service accessible in areas where the population is expanding.

Four branches are considered necessary immediately with four to be included in long-range proposals.

The Charleston County Library now operates three branch libraries, seven community libraries in addition to two bookmobiles with extensive schedules.

Mr. Hearn's recommendations follow those contained in the report of Walter Curley, consultant with Arthur D. Little, Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts, who was retained by the State Library Board to survey Charleston County and recommend location of future branch library buildings. Mr. Curley also recommended doubling the size of two present buildings, Cooper and West Ashley branches.

ATTRACTIVE ANNUAL REPORT

In the annual report 1967-68 of the Laurens County Library, Mrs. Phil D. Huff, librarian, gives a statistical report and describes the growth of the various departments.

The expansion of the audio-visual department is noteworthy. Thirty-two filmstrips of familiar children's stories and current books were added during the year. Filmstrips from the Encyclopedia Britannica, National Gallery of Art and Life Magazine were added to the adult collection. Two sets of slides from the Williamsburg collection were also added.

Mrs. Huff concludes with recommendations for the future. The cover of the report features an outline map of Laurens County.

EXHIBITS AVAILABLE

Last year the South Carolina Arts Commission expended a great deal of effort and money to develop exhibits for use this year. The selection is still rather limited but information on what is available may be obtained by writing the Commission at 1001 Main Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201. The only expense is the shipping charge.

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

Alcohol Problems - A Report to the Nation by the Cooperative Commission on the Study of Alcoholism is recommended for library use by William J. McCord, Director of the South Carolina Commission on Alcoholism. Mr. McCord says the work is considered the national guideline in the field of alcoholism control. A paperback, it is published by the Oxford University Press at \$1.50.

BON VOYAGE

Betty E. Callaham, SLB Director of Field Services, left for a three-week tour of England and Europe on August 26. Norma Lightsey, Director of the York County Library, is in Miss Callaham's party.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Mrs. Orvin Orvin, a trustee of the Berkeley County Library, who died on August 9.

The family of L. H. Harvey on the death of Mr. Harvey on August 4. He was the brother of Marie Harvey, chairman of the Berkeley County Library Board.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by

Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Other people may have problems but they can't begin to compare with mine. I have a branch librarian who is completely pixilated. She floats around and doesn't touch ground long enough to take in any instruction I try to give her. She does land long enough to tell me how the library should be operated and how the cataloging should be done (she attended a three-week workshop on cataloging!) Her reports are scrawled on the back of an envelope and when I told her I wanted a neatly typed report she said, "O, you just aren't artistic and creative." How can I cope with her - other than getting out my butterfly net?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

You don't say why you have to retain this ethereal creature but you must have reasons not to dispense with her so-called services.

All I can suggest is that you prepare a list of her duties and have her check each day the ones she has accomplished. For any reports she has to make, supply her with a form which provides for statistics and a narrative paragraph or two. Refuse to accept any makeshifts.

I'll bet she's not so artistic that the monthly paycheck does not appeal to her. Try holding it until she complies with your instructions.

Anne

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